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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1. (Currently amended) A card game system, comprising:

a plurality of game apparatuses, each of which functions as either a master apparatus configured to control a game or a terminal apparatus configured to perform a process in accordance with indications from the master apparatus, the plurality of game apparatus being connected to each other so as to transmit and receive data to end from each other, wherein:

when one of the plurality of game apparatuses is set as the master apparatus, the game apparatuses other than the game apparatus set as the master apparatus are set to the terminal apparatuses, and each of the plurality of game apparatuses reads game information recorded in a card within a specific time during the game, the game progresses based on the read game information,

the game apparatus set as the master apparatus has:

<u>a master reception device configured to receive the game information</u> transmitted from each of the plurality of game apparatus,

<u>a start determination device configured to determine whether to start a specific time,</u>

a permission device configured to <u>make the master reception device</u> reject to receive the game information at the master reception device until the start determination device determines to start the specific time, and configured to transmit timing information to the plurality of game apparatuses including the game apparatus set as the master apparatus [[to]] <u>and permit the master reception device to receive the game information</u> when the start determination device determines to start [[a]] <u>the specific time</u>,

an elapse time determination device configured to determine whether a time set as the specific time in advance elapses after the permission device permits the reception of the game information, Amendment and Response to Office Action of July 29, 2010

a rejection device configured to <u>make the master reception device</u> reject the reception again when the elapse time determination device determines that the set time elapses, and

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a device configured to execute game progress processes based on the game information received during the specific time from the game apparatuses including the game apparatus set as the master apparatus, and each of the plurality of game apparatuses has:

a device configured to, when receiving the timing information, make a player use a card to obtain the game information from the card, and

a terminal transmission device configured to transmit the game information having been read to the master reception device.

- 2. (Previously presented) The card game system according to claim 1, wherein the rejection device rejects the reception of the game information further transmitted from the game apparatus that is a sender of the game information already received by the master reception device even before the elapse time determination device determines that the set time elapses.
- 3. (Previously presented) The card game system according to claim 1, wherein the number of the plurality of game apparatuses is two.
- 4. (Previously presented) A card used in the card game system according to claim 1, wherein the card has three or more sides, and the game information is printed on a same face along the respective sides.
- 5. (Currently amended) A master apparatus as a predetermined reception destination in a card game system comprising a plurality of apparatuses including the master apparatus, comprising:

<u>a master reception device configured to receive the game information transmitted</u> <u>from each of the plurality of game apparatus;</u> Application No. 10/596,358 Docket No.: 86295(308246)

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a start determination device configured to determine whether to start a specific time; a permission device configured to make the master reception device reject reception of the game information at the master reception device until the start determination device determines to start a specific time, and configured to transmit timing information to the plurality of game apparatuses including the master apparatus and permit the master reception device to receive for obtaining the game information from a card used

a device configured to execute game progress processes based on the game information received during the specific time from the game apparatuses including the master apparatus, and

by a player when the start determination device determines to start the specific time;

a rejection device configured to <u>make the master reception device</u> reject the reception again when the elapse time determination device determines that the set time elapses.